

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition comprising:
~~a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or~~
a food or drink, and
~~at least~~
consisting of about 5% to 10% of at least one isolated yeast belonging to
Kluyveromyces marxianus or *Kluyveromyces lactis*,
wherein said composition contains an amount of said at least one yeast sufficient to
reduce cholesterol when administered to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1 which contains an
amount of isolated *Kluyveromyces marxianus* sufficient to reduce cholesterol when
administered to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1, which is a food or
drink.

Claims 4-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1, which is a food or
drink comprising *Kluyveromyces marxianus* and *Kluyveromyces lactis*.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 1, wherein said
composition is a food or drink comprising an amount of *Kluyveromyces marxianus* or
Kluyveromyces lactis sufficient to reduce cholesterol in a subject ingesting said food or drink.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, which comprises
Kluyveromyces marxianus.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, which comprises
Kluyveromyces lactis.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, wherein said
Kluyveromyces marxianus or *Kluyveromyces lactis* are live cells.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, wherein said
Kluyveromyces marxianus or *Kluyveromyces lactis* are heated cells.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, wherein said
Kluyveromyces marxianus or *Kluyveromyces lactis* are in the form of a lyophilized product.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 21, wherein said
Kluyveromyces marxianus or *Kluyveromyces lactis* are in the form of a milled product.

Claims 28-32 (Cancelled)

Claim 33 (New): A food comprising:
a nutritious food base which does not contain *Kluyveromyces*, and
at least 5% of at least one isolated yeast belonging to *Kluyveromyces marxianus* or
Kluyveromyces lactis,

wherein said composition contains an amount of said at least one yeast sufficient to reduce cholesterol when administered to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 34 (New): The food of Claim 33, wherein said food base comprises fermented milk.

Claim 35 (New): The food of Claim 33, wherein said food base comprises a fruit juice.

Claim 36 (New): The food of Claim 33, wherein said food base comprises a soup.

Claim 37 (New): The food of Claim 33, wherein said food base comprises a cake or cookie base.